demand of coal, Coal India Limited, (CIL) has formulated a time-bound enhanced production programme. For the current financial year 2005-06, a production target of 343.00 million tonnes has been set for CIL which is a record quantum jump of 20 million tonnes over the last year's production. Also during the terminal year of X Plan *i.e.* 2006-07, production target has been raised by 13 million tonnes from the original target of 350 million tonnes to produce 363.00 million tonnes. An emergency production plan has also been proposed by CIL envisaging an additional production of 71.3 million tonnes of Coal.

Further, Government has allotted 57 captive coal blocks having an estimated coal reserve of 7.71 billion tonnes to various public/private sector organisation.

(c) and (d) The Indian coal is traditionally high ash coal and of low calorific value, because of mixing of extraneous material in its geological formation itself and further on account of limited reserves of coking coal in India, the coal demand of various consumers cannot be met fully through indigenous production.

Increase in the production of coal

3136. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has recast its production plan in order to meet country's non-coking coal requirement by 2010-2011;

(b) if so, whether under the revised plan CIL would augment production to a minimum of 20 MT every year beginning from 2005-06;

(c) whether according to this scheme production would increase to 363 MT by 2006-07 from 323 MT in 2004-05;

(d) if so, to what extent this production schedule would meet coal shortage in the country; and

(e) whether Government is hopeful of providing sufficient coal to power projects which have been suffering shortage of coal during the year 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Keeping in view the increasing demand in the country, Coal India Limited (CIL) has recast its production plan by enhancing the coal production target to 508 million tonnes in 2011-12 i.e. the terminal year of XI Plan, which includes an incremental coal production of 63 million tonnes over earlier projection.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) It is expected that CIL's enhanced production target for 2006-07 by 13 million tonnes compared to earlier projection of 350 million tonnes would help in augmenting indigenous supply, particularly to the power sector.

Development of coal blocks by SECL

3137. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) propose to develop 26 virgin coal block;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would enhance the production capacity of the SECL and help to bridge the gap between demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of blocks which are proposed to developed by South Eastern Coalfields (SECL) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Development of these blocks is expected to enhance production of coal by 9 million tonne per year by the end of 2011-12.

Statement

Coal Blocks Proposed to be Developed by SECL

Coalfields	Sl. No.	Block
UMARIA	1	Umaria North
SOHAGPUR	2.	Bokaho
	3.	Changero OC